

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to the Court of Appeals
Appeal from Florence County
Honorable H. Steven DeBerry IV, Circuit Court Judge

Opinion No. 2026_UP-204 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed May 6, 2026)

Lower Court Case No. 2023-GS-21-00480

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

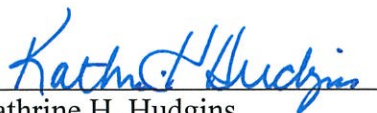
WILLIE JAMES SMITH,

PETITIONER.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-000879

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and appendix in the above-referenced case has been served upon MacKinnon Westraad, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS); and the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and on Willie James Smith, #394161, at McCormick Correctional Institution, 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC 29899, this 26th day of June, 2026.



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Ms. Westraad,

Please find attached for service the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix for Willie James Smith's appeal which will be filed with the Supreme Court today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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